



Virginia Green Attractions



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BodyWorks by Chandani Virginia Beach, Virginia

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Attractions** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established "core activities" for **Green Attractions** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests. Below is a list of this attraction's "green" activities that guests can expect.

BodyWorks by Chandani

"BodyWorks by Chandani is a Middle Eastern Belly Dance Studio, and is the only dance studio in Hampton Roads solely dedicated to the art of belly dance."

Green Statement: "I try to be environmentally responsible on a personal level at home and realized that I could do the same with my business. My students feel the same way and help support our 'Green Studio.'"



CORE ACTIVITIES for all *Virginia Green Attractions*

- ☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:
 - Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, plastic, fluorescent lamps, electronic equipment
 - Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
 - Purchase organic and "sustainably-grown" foods
 - Use electronic correspondence and forms
 - Since our building does not offer recycling we took it upon ourselves to make drop offs at the local recycling drop off centers. We also are a techno trash drop off center at the studio through greendisk.com
- ☒ **Styrofoam/Disposables Minimization.** Participants are encouraged to minimize use of all disposables and eliminate the use of Styrofoam products for take-out and left-overs. This restaurant pledges that they:
 - Use disposable containers made from recycled content paper, and that are compostable and/or recyclable

☑ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Have low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads

☑ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system

☑ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages

☑ **Other ‘green’ activities.** This facility pledges that they:

- Created the Green Hip Scarf Club - A group meeting designed to get belly dancers to be more active in cleaning up Virginia Beach. Activities include participating in the adopt-a-program, clean the bay day and Earth Day.
- Offer Techno Trash Recycling at the studio. Students and the public can drop off CDs, DVDs, computer supplies and more for recycling. Offered through greendisk.com.
- Reduce the use of lights and AC.
- We offer discounts to students that carpool, bike or walk to class.
- We participate and support Earth Day in Virginia Beach - for over 5 years.
- Include "Green Tips" in our monthly newsletter.
- More details found on our website at www.chandani.net/Green.htm



For more information on **BodyWorks by Chandani** see www.chandani.net or contact Debbie Aichinger at bwbchandanni@gmail.com or 757-313-8000.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen or www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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